

1 **Claim Amendment Summary**

2 **Claims pending**

- 3 • At time of the Action: Claims 1-7, 15-19, 64, 65, and 67-71.
- 4 • After this Response: Claims 1-7, 15-19, 64, 65, and 67-71.

5 **Canceled or Withdrawn claims:** none.

6 **Amended claims:** 1, 64, and 65.

7 **New claims:** none.

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10 **Claims:**

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12 **1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A computer-implemented method

13 for hashing a body of text, the method comprising:

14 obtaining a body of text containing textual content in a computer-readable

15 format, wherein the textual content of the obtained computer-readable formatted

16 body of text is mutable via software tools for manipulation of textual content of

17 bodies of text;

18 formatting the body of text into a defined image-based format, wherein the

19 textual content of the defined image-based formatted body of text is immutable via

20 software tools for manipulation of textual content of bodies of text;

21 deriving a hash value representative of the textual content of the body of

22 text, perceptually distinct bodies of text having hash values that are substantially

23 independent of each other.

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2. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1, wherein perceptually distinct bodies of text have hash values that are independent of each other.

3. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising comparing hash values of two bodies of text to determine if such values match.

4. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising comparing hash values of two bodies of text to determine if such values substantially match.

5. (ORIGINAL) A method as recited in claim 4 further comprising indicating whether such values substantially match.

6. (ORIGINAL) A computer comprising one or more computer-readable media having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by the computer, perform the method as recited in claim 1.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a computer, performs the method as recited in claim 3.

Claims 8-14 are CANCELED.

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2 **15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A computer-implemented
3 method for hashing a body of text, the method comprising:

4 obtaining a body of text containing textual content in a computer-readable
5 format;

6 formatting the body of text into a defined image-based format, wherein the
7 textual content of the defined image-based formatted body of text is immutable via
8 software tools for manipulation of textual content of bodies of text;

9 deriving a hash value representative of the body of text, perceptually
10 similar bodies of text having proximally similar hash values.

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12 **16. (ORIGINAL)** A method as recited in claim 15 further
13 comprising comparing hash value of a body of text to determine if such value is
14 proximally near hash values of a group of bodies of text having proximally
15 clustered hash values.

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17 **17. (ORIGINAL)** A method as recited in claim 16 further
18 comprising grouping the body of text with the group of bodies of text if the hash
19 value of such body is proximally near the values of the group.

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21 **18. (ORIGINAL)** A computer comprising one or more computer-
22 readable media having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by
23 the computer, perform the method as recited in claim 16.

1 **19. (ORIGINAL)**

2 A computer-readable medium having computer-
3 executable instructions that, when executed by a computer, performs the method
4 as recited in claim 16.

5 Claims 20-63 are CANCELED.

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7 **64. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)**

8 A computer-readable medium
9 having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a computer,
10 performs the method comprising:

11 obtaining a body of text containing textual content in a computer-readable
12 format, wherein the textual content of the obtained computer-readable formatted
13 body of text is mutable via software tools for manipulation of textual content of
14 bodies of text;

15 formatting the body of text into a defined image-based format, wherein the
16 textual content of the defined image-based formatted body of text is immutable via
17 software tools for manipulation of textual content of bodies of text;

18 deriving a hash value representative of the textual content of the body of
19 text, perceptually distinct bodies of text having hash values that are substantially
20 independent of each other.

1 **65. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A computer-readable medium
2 having computer-executable instructions that, when executed by a computer,
3 performs the method comprising:

4 obtaining a body of text containing textual content in a computer-readable
5 format, wherein the textual content of the obtained computer-readable formatted
6 body of text is mutable via software tools for manipulation of textual content of
7 bodies of text;

8 formatting the body of text into a defined image-based format, wherein the
9 textual content of the defined image-based formatted body of text is immutable via
10 software tools for manipulation of textual content of bodies of text;

11 deriving a hash value representative of the body of text, perceptually
12 similar bodies of text having proximally similar hash values.

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14 **66. (CANCELED)**

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16 **67. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A method as recited in
17 claim 4 further comprising indicating suspicion of plagiarism between the two
18 bodies of text when the compared hash values of the two bodies of text
19 substantially match.

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21 **68. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)** A method as recited in
22 claim 1, wherein, before formatting, the textual content of the body of text
23 comprises multiple words and sentences.

69. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)

A method as recited in claim 1, wherein, before formatting, the textual content of the body of text comprises multiple words and sentences and the derived hash value is representative of all of the textual content of the body of text.

70. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)

A method as recited in claim 15, wherein, before formatting, the textual content of the body of text comprises multiple words and sentences.

71. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)

A method as recited in claim 15, wherein, before formatting, the textual content of the body of text comprises multiple words and sentences and the derived hash value is representative of all of the textual content of the body of text.